

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9, 14-19, 21, 29, 33-35 and 37-43 stand allowed, with claims 10-13, 20, 22-28, 30-32 and 47-49 rejected in the outstanding Official Action. Claims 29, 48 and 49 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 10, 20, 22-28 and 30 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-28, 30-35, 37-43 and 47 remain in this application.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and allowance of claims 1-9, 14-19, 21, 29, 34, 35 and 37-43 is very much appreciated. The Examiner's identification that the prior art fails to disclose or render obvious the fact that "said substrate comprises a silicon on insulator wafer" is very much appreciated. With respect to rejected claims 10, 20, 22 and 47, Applicant have added the limitation of claims 1 and 29, i.e., "wherein said substrate comprises a silicon on insulator (SOI) wafer." Therefore, previously rejected claims 10, 20, 22 and 47 are believed allowable as amended (in addition to all claims dependent thereon).

The limitation from claim 29 has been added to independent claim 23, thereby rendering claim 23 and all claims dependent thereon (claims 24-28 and 30-32) allowable as well. Claim 29 has been cancelled without prejudice as well as claims 48 and 49.

In view of the above, all remaining claims, i.e., 1-28, 30-35, 37-43 and 47, are either allowed or incorporate limitations which the Examiner has indicated comprises allowable subject matter. Accordingly, since all pending claims are now believed allowable over the cited prior art for the reasons noted in the Official Action and claims 29, 48 and 49 have been cancelled without prejudice, there is no basis for further rejection of the claims and therefore the pending rejections have been obviated.

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is submitted that remaining claims 1-28, 30-35, 37-43 and 47 are in condition for

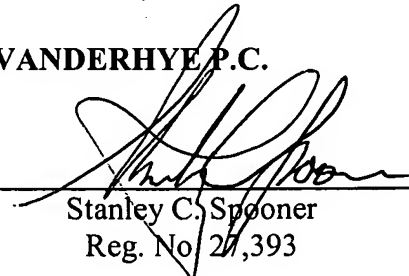
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allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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